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PARTY FROM BRAZIL VISITS COFFEE COUNTY ON MARCH 23RD

Dr. Joao Carlos Vital, who attended the Inter-American Conference in Mexico City as a delegate from Brazil, and two of his assistants, Dr. Frederico Rangel and Dr. Carlos Eduardo Silva, are spending a month in the United States to study the social and economical problems of the South and the plans and programs that are under way to solve these problems. They stated that there was a direct comparison with Coffee County and their conditions except their conditions are multiplied many times by what they observed here.

Dr. Vital is a man of high prestige in his home land public affairs and holds a position similar to our Secretary of Agriculture. He is interested in his people socially and economically and is studying in the United States that he may be better able to help his people.

This party was accompanied by Mr. A. O. Rhoad from Iberia Livestock Experiment Farm, Jeanerett, Louisiana, who acted as interpreter, and Mr. W. L. McArthur from the Farm Security Administration, Montgomery. They were met in Elba by J. S. Pridgen, FSA Supervisor for Coffee County. In Elba they visited with Dr. W. C. Braswell, who told them of the health problems in North Coffee County and the good the Coffee County Health Association program sponsored by FSA had done for the families it served.

The party had lunch at Hotel Rawls, in Enterprise, where they were met by Dr. Gibson, Messrs. Lewie Sessions, Hugh Sexton and Jim Tom Grimes. These men gave them their story of the work being done in the county by FSA, as they saw it from their point of view. After their talk with these men, they visited Sessions Peanut Butter and Oil Mill and the Gibson Hospital. The group then went on a field trip to observe the work being done with farm families in the county. Afterward they expressed themselves as being very much pleased with their interviews, visits and the field trip.

Mrs. Joseph L. Crook spent the week end in Elba with Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Crook and family.

Robert Hamm, U. S. Navy, is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lotus Hamm, and other relatives.

COMMITTEES NAMED TO STUDY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR ELBA

Mayor L. P. Mullins called a meeting of citizens of Elba with the City Council on Monday night, April 2, at which time Mr. T. U. Crumpton, an engineer from Birmingham, was to be present and discuss post-war projects for Elba.

Because of transportation facilities, Mr. Crumpton could not be present at this time but will come later. However, the meeting organized itself into a discussion group to consider projects for the improvement of Elba, Mayor L. P. Mullins was elected chairman of the group and James C. Dixon, secretary.

A number of projects were discussed and action was taken by appointing the following committees to look into the designated projects: School Building; James C. Dixon, chairman; Supt. A. C. Dunaway and Sam E. Sawyer.

Air Port: L. J. Cocks, chairman; Jake Bonneau and Jordan Lindsey.

Cemetery Committees: For clearing the new part of the cemetery: Mayo Prescott and E. P. Gieger. For seeing about working committees on Thursday afternoon: Sam Sawyer, chairman; Jake Bonneau, Charles Hayes and Baxter Bryan.

Hotel Committee: Claude Dorsey, chairman; Sam Sawyer, Jake Bonneau, Jordan Lindsey, Fulton Clark, Kline Bentley, Flournoy Whitman and James Vise.

It was suggested that this be called the Elba Betterment Club for which no dues will be collected and any and all citizens of Elba are invited to attend its meetings. Twenty-five men, all of one mind for the improvement of the town, were present.

RUCKER CHAPLAIN TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Chaplain Hutchinson, of Camp Rucker, will preach at the Elba Baptist Church on next Sunday at the eleven o'clock service, in the absence of the pastor, who is conducting special services in St. Paul, Minn.

Officials of the church urge all members to be present on next Sunday, as the special offering for the church building fund will be taken at this service.

Milton Edmondson, S. F. 1-c, U. S. Navy, is spending several days' leave with his wife and other relatives in Elba before returning to Charleston, S. C., to resume his duties.

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SYMBOL OF SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE. The flag raising scene shown in the foreground of the picture above is an actual view of the raising of the flag by Marines on two Elba and has been selected as the official symbol of the Seventh War Loan.

Two Divisions To Lead 7th War Loan

Payroll Workers And Schools To Set Pace As Advance Guard

Alabama cities and towns," asserted Ed Leigh McMillan, chairman of the Alabama War Finance Committee.

Intensive campaign plans have been worked out to spur the Payroll Savings program through a three-month period of active and increased War Bond participation. The accounting period for the drive will begin April 9 and continue through July 7.

The Schools At War forces, the boys and girls whose future promises depend on winning a sound peace, will add their strength to the drive by backing up the Payroll Savings group as a prelude to the drive period beginning May 14. A school Treasury Hunt has been mapped for every school in Alabama. April 19 has been set as the day when the Treasury Hunt Day but many schools whose closing date comes earlier in the season are planning to observe the day earlier, some as early as April 4.

The eyes of the whole state will be focused on these two great forces to set the pace for the opening of the drive May 14, Mr. McMillan reminded.

The follow-up guard, the seven other divisions of volunteer War Bond workers, will be set to step in and back up the advance work of the Payroll Savings Division and the Schools At War Division with new energy during the official period of the drive.

"A good percentage of Alabama's quota is expected to be realized through the work of these two groups before the guns are sounded for the official opening of the drive," said Mr. McMillan.

"Although we might see the coldest day and the coldest future promises, if this momentous announcement should come it will only serve to add a stimulating touch to the army of volunteer War Bond salespeople whose purpose will not be daunted by the war in the Pacific is over."

"Be prepared, Alabamians, to dig down deep and put your money into War Bonds when the Payroll Savings worker or the school children approach you to ask that you play a bigger and more patriotic part in the vanquishing of our enemies."

BIG CABBAGE

One of the largest cabbages we have seen in several seasons was being displayed last Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cook. It measured three feet across and weighed 11 pounds. The cabbage was grown by Math McCollough and was just a young plant, having been cut before it had time to make any head.

Go to Church Sunday.

Four quarts of finished product. Table on Form R-341 shows the number of quarts of finished products that can be made from bushels or crates of all fruits. (b) All jams, jellies, etc., canning vegetables, making of pickles, relishes; catsup, etc., and for curing meats: (1) only five pounds per person may be issued for these purposes. (2) No family, regardless of size, may be issued more than 160 pounds of sugar, 40 pounds of which would be issued for jams, jellies, etc. Boarders are NOT to be considered as members of family units. (3) Applications received by mail which are not complete must be returned for further information.

FOX CONTROL PLANS BEING CONSIDERED AT MEETING HERE TODAY

By Hugh D. Sexton,
County Agent

Due to the widespread evidence of rabid foxes in Coffee County, an effort is being made to formulate a control plan for the county. A meeting will be held at the Elba courthouse today, Thursday, April 5, to discuss this important problem. The details to be worked out at the meeting will be given publicity next week.

The following were expected to attend Thursday's meeting: John W. Brock, probate judge; Fulton Clark, Fountain Lee, Willis Wilson and O. J. Helms, county commissioners; A. M. Pearson, wildlife specialist, Alabama Extension Service; Major Tuttle, Camp Rucker; Dr. Weidner, health officer; Dr. Walding, veterinarian; and representative leaders from each beat in the county.

In addition to this group, the mayors of Enterprise, Elba, New Brockton and Kinston, as well as all vocational agricultural teachers and F. S. A. workers were invited to attend the meeting.

SAMSON ROAD TO BE PAVED DURING YEAR; SURVEY COMPLETED

That the Samson highway, beginning at the intersection of Enterprise highway to the county line, a distance of approximately sixteen miles, will be paved before the end of 1945, is now almost a certainty unless some unforeseen difficulty arises. This good news was given out by Judge John W. Brock the first of the week after a survey of the road had been completed by engineers from the State Highway Department.

This road was included in the list to be paved two or three years ago, but war conditions made it necessary to abandon practically all paving. The State now has a plan worked out whereby this important link can be finished during the next few months. The completion of this link would give motorists and truckers a shorter route to Panama City and other points on the coast. Citizens of the county will watch with interest plans for this important work.

BACK IN SERVICE

Friends of T-5 Charlie W. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam King, of Elba Rt. 2, will be glad to know that he is doing fine and has joined the Air Corps in France. He did not know just where he would be located, but expected to leave the replacement pool within a day or so after writing his parents.

Dock Garrison was a visitor to Montgomery Saturday.

LISTEN FOR FIRE SIREN APR. 12 STARTING IMPORTANT PROJECT

The fire alarm at noon on next Thursday, April 12, will be the signal for the beginning of one of the most important civic projects of the year. Every individual in Elba as well as hundreds of citizens living outside the city, will be vitally interested in this undertaking, and everyone should join heartily in making the project a success—such a success as you will be proud of for months to come.

Everybody talks about it, but nobody has done very much about it in the past two or three years—THE CLEANING OF E. V. F. R. GREEN CEMETERY. People of Elba have many things in which they take much pride, but judging by the work that has been done in the cemetery during the past several months, that sacred plot of ground has not been on the list.

At the meeting of citizens and city officials Monday night a committee to look after this important work was named—see the list elsewhere in this paper. This committee is making plans for the care of the cemetery, but members think that a general cleaning should first be in order, and they are appealing to all interested persons to be at the first working on next Thursday. If this work cannot be completed, then come back the following Thursday and every Thursday until the entire lot is thoroughly cleaned off and improved. Bring your own tools.

We have neglected this work too long—will you be there next Thursday or send someone to work? Or will your answer be that you are not interested?

JACK SMART AND SIDNEY STEVENS ARE SHOWN IN PICTURE

The Clipper last week received another U. S. Army Signal Corps photograph from the 6th Army group in the region of Mulhouse, France. The picture shows six members of a field artillery unit cleaning and preparing one of the large guns for another mission of firing. Shown in the picture are Corporal Jack Smart and Sergeant Sidney Stevens, both of Elba. These soldiers have been overseas sixteen months and each has been awarded four battle stars and the Good Conduct ribbon.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

Rev. E. L. Eiland will preach at Oak Grove Church located one mile west of Mt. Zion on Sunday, April 8th. Special services are being planned and everyone is cordially invited and urged to attend.

Attention Farmers!!

We wish to announce to the farmers of this section that we have made arrangements to install

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in time to shell your peanuts this spring. These machines will be the latest type and we shall give you the same prompt and courteous service as in the past.

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When a person living in Coffee County retires after

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By J. T. Albritton,
Soil Conservationist

Several farmers of Coffee County are increasing their income by planting lespedeza sericea.

Fountain Lee in Elba area planted three acres as a seed patch and says he is going to put about 50 acres in lespedeza from his seed patch. O. R. Smith, located southwest of Enterprise, has planted 7 acres in lespedeza for hay and temporary grazing. Will Ezell in Mt. Pleasant community has planted 2 acres in lespedeza.

Grover Watkins and Sam Moxon planted 2 acres on a seed patch and says he is going to put about 50 acres in lespedeza from his seed patch. The Soil Conservation Service has found that lespedeza sericea is a valuable crop for hay, grazing, soil building and erosion control.

Abb Moates in Enterprise community says he has his land ready to plant six acres of lespedeza as soon as it rains to settle the soil.

D. H. James of Enterprise community planted 3 acres of lespedeza for grazing. The Soil Conservation Service has found that lespedeza sericea is a valuable crop for hay, grazing, soil building and erosion control.

Mortgages and Rent Notes for sale at Clipper Office.

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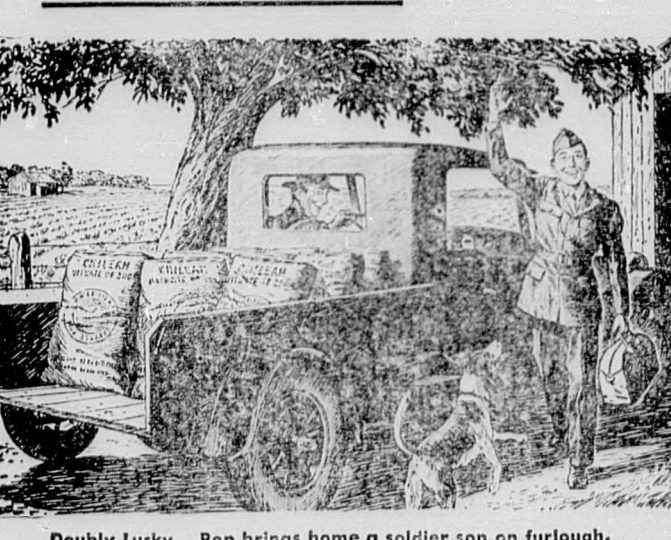
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While some nitrate normally goes into mixed fertilizer, most of it is applied direct to the crop for dressing for grains and grasses, side dressing for corn and cotton. Direct application to fruit and vegetable crops is vital to yield and quality.

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PFC. HOMER DOROUGH RECEIVING TREATMENT AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Pfc. Homer L. Dorough, former inspector of airplane parts in the Goodyear Aircraft plant at Akron, Ohio, has arrived at Army and Navy General Hospital for treatment of arthritis following injury sustained in France, it was announced by the Public Relations Office.

Dorough, whose mother resides in Elba, Ala., wears the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds received at Belcourt, France. He also fought near Troyes and took part in the assault on Metz. He was returned to the United States a week ago. At Army and Navy General Hospital, the Rheumatism Center of the Army, he will receive the highly specialized medical care and the benefits of an extensive reconditioning program.

PVT. HORNBY HELPS PREPARE HOT FOOD FOR COMBAT TROOPS

With The 38th Infantry Division On Bataan—Keep the combat troops in top fighting shape takes plenty of vitamins. During the stiffest of the fighting in Northern Bataan, the kitchens were rolled up right alongside the artillery and hot food went up front on scheduled as regularly as the "Tommy" poured shells into the Jap positions. Private Melvin A. Hornby, of Jack, Ala., is a cook with the 113th Engineer Combat Battalion, engineer unit of the "Cyclone" Division.

Pvt. Hornby was inducted at Ft. McClellan, Ala., in September, 1942. He received further training at Ft. Meade, Md., Camp Canabell, Fla., and Camp Livingston, La. Since overseas he has served in Hawaii, New Guinea and now in the Philippines. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Hornby, resides in Arion, Ala.

PVT. MARY A. KELLEY BEGINS TRAINING AT FORT OGLETHORPE, GA.

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., March 31—Pvt. Mary A. Kelley, of Elba, Ala., who recently enlisted for duty with the Medical Corps, has begun the medical and surgical technician's course at the Enlisted Women's Technical School, after finishing the five-week course of basic training at the Third WAC Training Center here. In the technician school, the new WAC medic will learn to assist doctors in operating rooms, in transfusions, and will study basic techniques in the preparation of hypodermic medications; the recording of temperature, pulse and respiration; and surgical techniques.

Upon completion of the six-week course at the Enlisted Women's Technical School here, Pvt. Kelley will be assigned to the Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga.

The new WAC medic is the daughter of Mrs. G. H. Ammons, of Elba, Ala.

Mrs. J. C. McLeod, of Oph, spent several days in Elba last week guest of Mrs. Pearl Brock.

SUNDAY LESSON

By HANCOCK L. CUNNINGHAM, D. D.
The word of the Lord endureth forever.—1 Peter 1:23

Lesson for April 8
Scripture texts and Scripture texts are selected and explained by International Bible Society, New York, N. Y.

THE ROCK AND THE FAITH
LESSON TEXT—Psalm 143:1-17
GOLDEN TEXT—The word of the Lord endureth forever.—1 Peter 1:23

Christians are the people of one book—the Bible. They read it and are willing to be taught by it. We find that it is written that God is Word, and everything else must be lifted up in praise of that Word.

In this blessed book they find the only revelation of God's saving grace. Other attributes of God may be found in the book of nature. There we find that God is powerful, orderly, wise, etc., but nowhere in nature is it written that God is Word, and everything else must be lifted up in praise of that Word.

Greater and more precious is God's light in the praise of His saints. In the praise of His saints, we find that God is Word, and everything else must be lifted up in praise of that Word.

"This kingdom is an everlasting kingdom," and thus it is at once the kingdom of God and the kingdom of man. It is the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of man. It is the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of man. It is the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of man.

Centuries ago men were fearful that the earth could not produce enough food to keep the increasing population of mankind alive, but God sees to it that even when He has to do it in spite of man's waste and destruction.

However, life is not just material. There must be a satisfying of man's spiritual nature. He needs to be saved from his own sinful weakness, to deliver him from his sorrow and affliction. Who can do this but God? And He does it (see v. 14).

How does He do it? Through the ministry of His Holy Word. There in man finds salvation and satisfaction. The Bible is the light that shines upon his way. It is his comfort in sorrow and his strength in temptation. It exhorts and encourages, convicts and cures.

How endless and how overwhelming is the mercy of our God. Let us "wait upon" Him, knowing that He is not only mindful of our need, but eager to do for us more than we can ask or think.

III. The Saving Power of God's Grace (vv. 17-19).

The Lord, who is high unto all them that call upon him (v. 18), is able to save because He is "righteous in all his ways and holy in all his word" (v. 17). Only a just and holy God can deal with sin, and yet only a merciful God would provide redemption; but in our God mercy and truth meet (Ps. 146: 1; Ps. 103). He is both "just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26).

He it is who is near to all that "call upon him in truth" (v. 18), and surely it is such a calling on the Lord which is in mind in Romans 10:13, where we read that "whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." He saves us by His grace when we call on Him in truth.

Notice that God's nearness, His salvation, and His fulfillment of the desires of man are for those who call on Him and who "fear Him" (v. 19). This is not a matter of religion, but of love. It is an outward profession of faith. It must come from the heart, and when it does, it is the beginning of a new life. So we find God's word to be the source of our instruction concerning those things which are of length of salvation (1 Tim. 3:15). It is the Book of our faith!

RATION CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 2

Blue Stamps:
C2, D2, E2, F2, G2, now valid, expire April 28.
H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, now valid, expire June 2.
N2, P2, Q2, R2, S2, now valid, expire June 30.
T2, U2, V2, W2, X2, now valid, expire July 31.

Red Stamps:
T5, U5, V5, W5, X5, now valid, expire April 28.
Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, D2, now valid, expire June 2.
E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, now valid, expire June 30.
K2, L2, M2, N2, P2, now valid, expire July 31.

SUGAR: Stamp 35 good five pounds, expires June 2.

SHOES: Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid.

GASOLINE: A-15 coupons valid through June 21. Rationing rules now require that each car owner write his license number and state on each coupon in his possession as soon as it is issued to him by his local rationing board. Your mileage rationing record must be presented to the board when applying for supplemental B and C gasoline rations.

PRESSURE GAUGES SHOULD BE CHECKED

Pressure cannot gauges which have not been checked recently for accuracy should be tested at once, advises Miss Mamie B. Matthews, county home demonstration agent.

Home canners who want to can their first garden vegetables will find their checking early. An inaccurate gauge may cause under-processing which will result in food spoilage, or over-processing with loss of food value and flavor.

The dial-type gauge is a delicate instrument and may get out of adjustment. The weighted-type gauge will not need to be tested but it will need a good cleaning.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY!

Cuba has produced up to 5,000,000 pounds of sugar in a single year.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Allies Close on Ruhr Valley; Japs Gird for U. S. Invasion; Forecast Cut in Grain Acreage

By Western Newspaper Union

EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union and not necessarily of the newspaper.

RUHR VALLEY

Indicative of high cost of taking two Jims is this marine graveyard on the island, with row upon row of little white crosses. Approximately 4,000 Americans were killed in the struggle.

EUROPE:

Ruhr Target

To 60-year-old Field Marshal Albert Kesselring went the hapless job of assuming the supreme command of German armies in the west as U. S. and British forces close on the vital Ruhr valley after having conquered the east and iron rich Saar basin to the southwest.

In picking Kesselring to try to hold the sagging German front in the west, Hitler chose an ardent Nazi, who gained notoriety through his development of a defensive line in Italy. Trusted by the Nazis to stand fast in the face of the overwhelming Allied onslaught, Kesselring succeeded Field Marshal Von Rundstedt, who was relieved of his command following reports that he had failed to negotiate an armistice with General Eisenhower.

As Kesselring took over the German command, his hard-pressed forces faced the Canadian 1st, British 2nd and U. S. 9th armies on the western border of the Ruhr, while the U. S. 1st army built up strength for a drive to the south to the vital industrial valley from its Remagen bridgehead.

Following a tremendous concerted aerial bombardment aimed at softening up the enemy's rear areas, these four Allied armies stood ready to strike to the east of the Rhine and break into the open German plains on the high road to Berlin. Farther to the south, the U. S. 3rd and 7th armies, having cleaned out the Nazi still garrisons in the forested mountain country to the east of the Rhine in this sector.

Double Trouble

Thus, while Kesselring had his hands full trying to hold the Allied armies off from the open northern plains, German commanders in the east experienced equal difficulty meeting the Russian onslaught over the other end of the level northern country in the east. From Stettin, southeast of Berlin, the Reds menaced the fortified defenses of Danzig, which the Nazis still talked about a last ditch fight behind concrete pillboxes, bunkers, tank traps and irrigated flat land.

Though massed in the greatest strength before Berlin, the Reds also exerted considerable pressure to the south, seeking to batter their way through the mountain masses in Upper Silesia to enter Czechoslovakia, and smashing at German defenses in western Hungary in an effort to reach Austria.

With Americans putting away nearly 25 per cent of their incomes in cash, bank deposits and government securities within the last two and one-half years, total holdings of these assets reached 148 billion dollars at the end of 1944.

In saving 40 billion dollars last year, 10 times as much as in 1940, Americans amassed an additional \$17 billion in cash and bank deposits; 15 billion in government bonds; 25 billion in insurance; and 400 million in savings and loans associations.

The 862,000 employees of the nation's cities and towns draw the monthly payroll of \$122,000,000, the International City Managers association reported. Despite the decline in number of employees, however, the total payroll has shown a steady advance during the last two years.

Accompanying the general decline in number of normal work-weekers was a general increase in length of the regular, or normal work-week for city hall personnel, though much occurred in the smaller cities.

U. S. SAVINGS:

In Billions

With a wartime economy restricting the supply of civilian goods, and income at peak levels, Americans continued to pour billions of dollars into savings. The Securities and Exchange commission reported.

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Staples Output . . .

Wool production declined last year with sheep numbers in the United States in 1944 with production, both shorn and pulled, estimated at 418,000,000 pounds compared with 445,778,000 pounds produced in 1943. Average local market prices in 1944 were 42 cents per pound, however, compared with 41.6 cents per pound in 1943. Number of sheep shorn is estimated at 14 per cent less than 1943 at 41,324,000 head.

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Her production undiminished by the U. S.'s gradual advance toward the homeland, and the destructive aerial raids on her great urban centers, Japan's leaders called for the establishment of virtual martial law in the country, permitting expropriation of land and demolition of buildings for defense purposes.

Though high military authorities believe that Japan, like Germany, will not be bombed out of the war because of the decentralization of her industry, U. S. attacks have cut into some of the enemy's productive capacity, besides causing serious civilian displacements. Already, almost half of Tokyo's civilian population has been evacuated, it was said.

Besides impairing the home effort, such raids as the recent carrier plane attacks on the Japs' great inner naval base in the island sea bounded by the home islands of Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku serve not only to cripple the enemy fleet but also damage important repair and anchorage facilities.

As the Japs feel that any direct assault on the homeland would give them the advantage of short supply lines and land bases from which to develop counter-measures, they are looking worriedly to the U. S. might drive ashore to set up invasion bases.

Thus, high military authorities pressure the enemy will continue to play for time in such outlying battle zones as the Philippines, Burma, to permit further development of Chinese resources and edging toward the 500,000 Chinese troops reportedly fighting for them so as to be better able to meet an invasion of that country.

CROP ACREAGE:

To Drop

Because of a decrease in hog numbers in the United States, expected drop in demand for hog grain and a switchover to crops with lower labor requirements, farmers will put fewer acres to important grain in 1945, the U. S. department of agriculture reported.

Basing its report on farmers' declarations of intentions, the USDA said that corn acreage would be down 3 per cent under 1944, barley 14 per cent, and soybeans 24 per cent. As exceptions, wheat acreage was expected to increase 4 1/2 per cent and oats 8 per cent.

In addition, the USDA's report on acreages for other crops showed general decreases from last year, with increases forecast only for sugar beets, flaxseed, tobacco and rice.

With the weather generally favorable, finances ample and seed and fertilizer, chief obstacles to 1945 production lie in manpower and machinery shortages, the USDA declared. Indicated acreages in declarations of intentions might be notably changed through the year, the USDA said, in accordance with influences in weather, price fluctuations, manpower, finances and the effect of the report itself on farmers' plans.

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VETERINARIAN NOW LOCATED IN ELBA

I wish to announce to the people of the Elba area that I have moved to Elba and am now practicing Veterinary Medicine. Headquarters for the present at home, Phone 72 or 59.

J. BRYAN TAYLOR, D.V.S., Elba, Alabama.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity of extending our very deep appreciation to our friends everywhere who were so attentive and helpful during the illness and at the passing of our loved one, C. E. Dorsey, Sr. Your many expressions of esteem, sympathy and love have made it easier for us to bear our great sorrow. We shall ever be grateful for your kindness.

The Dorseys.

Mrs. J. M. Bonneau and little Miss Margaret English visited Captain Lander Curton at Finney hospital at Thomasville, Ga., last Sunday. Capt. Curton's friends here will be glad to know that he is gradually improving.

Mrs. Mary Lewis and little son, Marvin III, of Dothan, spent several days in Elba last week with her mother, Mrs. S. H. Brock.

Friends of Mr. J. L. Jones will regret to learn that he is confined to his bed at his home on Smith avenue. They hope he will soon recover.

NEW BEAUTY SHOP IS NOW OPEN

We take pleasure in announcing the opening of a New and Modern Beauty Shop in the building next door to Elba Hatchery on the East Side of Court Square.

Special On Permanents All This Week

All this week, through Saturday, April 7, we are giving Special Prices on Permanents. Priced from \$4.00 to \$25.00.

Experienced Operators and Best Materials available. Insure your satisfaction. Come in to see us. Your patronage will be appreciated.

THE BEAUTY NOOK

"Be Fair With Your Hair" Mrs. Clermon Nelson, Prop. Elba, Alabama

Will Your Brakes Pass A Rigid Test For Safety??

A nation-wide "Brake Testing Campaign" will be held from April 15 to June 1. This campaign is being instituted by the National Association of Police Chiefs and police officers in every city and town in the country will take part in this safety campaign.

HOW ARE YOUR BRAKES?

If an officer should stop you on the road today to test your brakes, would you be embarrassed because they are not properly adjusted or need repair? It may happen to you.

SPECIAL BRAKE SERVICE

We have a complete stock of brake repairs for Chevrolet and Ford cars, and beginning now and continuing through the campaign we are giving special attention to the adjustment of your brakes. If you need repair or adjustment, remember we will give "PRIORITY" to brake jobs.

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JAMES FARRIS ON USS BRIMINGHAM SAW PRINCETON SINK

James I. Farris, C. M. I., member of the crew of the Cruiser Birmingham, some time ago sent a picture and a newspaper clipping telling of the efforts of his ship to help save the USS Princeton when she was hit by a Japanese bomber last fall east of Luzon in the Philippines. Fighters from the Princeton and other carriers had beaten off attacks by two large groups of Japanese bombers, shooting down 150 planes. As she had before been in the Palau, off Truk, off Formosa and in the Marianas, the Princeton escaped in strong enemy air attacks. Then a lone Jap plane glided down out of the clouds and dropped a bomb through the flight deck near elevators loaded with Avengers, gassed and armed with torpedoes. These exploding torpedoes started fires which could not be subdued. The cruiser Birmingham and destroyer Morrison came alongside with their hose lines in an effort to save the Princeton, but the flames could not be controlled and finally the ship was sunk by torpedoes from the ships that had been trying to save her.

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THURSDAY—LAST DAY

"SONG OF THE OPEN ROAD" —Starring—

Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Jane Powell

FRIDAY—Double Feature

"EVER SINCE VENUS" —Featuring—

Ann Savage, Ross Hunter

Admission 10c & 30c

SATURDAY ALL DAY

"TRAIL TO GUN SIGHT" —Starring—

Eddy Dow, Fuzzy Knight

Admission 10c & 25c

SAT., 4 P. M.—LATE SHOW

"GANG'S INC." —Starring—

Alan Ladd

Admission 10c & 30c

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

"SONG OF RUSSIA" —Starring—

Robert Taylor and Susan Peters

Admission 10c & 30c

TUESDAY Only—Bargain Day

"PORT OF FORTY THIEVES" —Starring—

Stephanie Bachelor

Admission 10c & 20c

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"HAIRY APE" —Starring—

William Bendix and Susan Hayward

Admission 10c and 30c

METHODIST NOTES

Elba Methodist Church will begin to carry out other part of the "Crusade for Christ," beginning April 15 and continuing through April 22. The Pastor has secured the services of Rev. M. T. S. D. Mathison, popular minister of Nottulsa, Ala., and Rev. A. B. Clausen, of Opp, Ala.

Rev. Mathison, better known as "Si", is well known in the Alabama Conference, having led singing in the largest churches in the conference. He is especially good with young people, and that is the method of presenting the Gospel of Christ on a flame-bowl; you do not only hear the Gospel, but you see it.

The Methodist Church has secured this fine team of evangelistic workers to inspire the people of Elba to a fuller and deeper life with Christ. Please keep these dates in mind. Come to the services every night at 8:00 o'clock and bring someone with you.

There will be preaching at Ham's Schoolhouse Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Sunday is Liberty's regular preaching and worship service.

W. M. Spores, Pastor.

FAREWELL DINNER

A farewell dinner in honor of Mrs. T. M. Stroud who is moving to Sou. Florida to make her home, was given by her sister, Mrs. Sam Boswell, at her home on March 25. Those attending were: Rev. B. F. Pierce, Mrs. T. M. Stroud and children, Grace and Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hussey and children; Donald and Carolyn Sue; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hurst and children, Lila Bell, Betty Lou and Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wambles and children, Betty Jean and Patsy; Mrs. Ross Ammons.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collins, of Troy, were visitors to Elba Sunday evening.

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Mr. Dock Parker, who has been employed in the shipyards in Mobile, is spending some time with his family and undergoing treatment for an attack of rheumatism.

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GARDEN SUGGESTIONS FOR APRIL

By Hugh D. Sexton, County Agent

1. Years of observation show that most gardens are not properly fertilized. Use plenty of compost and plenty of commercial fertilizer. Best quality vegetables are produced where plenty of these materials are used.

2. Proper cultivation is important. If the soil was well prepared before planting, very shallow cultivation is often enough to keep down weeds and is all that is needed while the vegetables are growing. Digging and deep plowing may do more harm than good to growing vegetables.

3. Insect control is always one of the biggest jobs in the garden. Hand-picking and destroying the pest bugs that show up in the spring will save a lot of work and poison later in the season.

4. Collard and cabbage are found on winter turnips and related crops now. Destroy these insects or they will cause trouble all the year. A good way to get rid of them is to spray with kerosene. This, of course, will kill the plants, but in most cases these old plants will not be used any more. The main thing is to get rid of the bugs.

5. Squash, cucumbers, cantaloupes and watermelons are attacked by the 12-spotted cucumber beetle. Destroy these insects or they will cause trouble all the year. A good way to get rid of them is to spray with kerosene. This, of course, will kill the plants, but in most cases these old plants will not be used any more. The main thing is to get rid of the bugs.

6. Cystitis should be used to control potato bugs, cabbage worms, bean beetles and many other chewing insects.

7. Cutworms are very numerous in most gardens this spring. The best way to protect early tomato plants from these pests is to wrap the stems with paper. Cut the paper into strips about three inches wide and wrap it loosely around the stem of the plant. The paper should extend one inch under the ground and two inches above the ground.

8. Don't put soybeans just because you did not like them the first time. They are easy to grow; they are good to eat, and they are good for you. Plant some seed of the Banel, Rokusan, and Semole varieties now. These varieties will furnish green beans from about the first of July until frost.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spurlin returned Tuesday from Gainesville, Texas, where they visited Pvt. Foy Spurlin, who is undergoing treatment at the hospital at Camp Howze. Friends will be glad to learn that he is improving.

Mrs. Foy Spurlin accompanied them. Mr. Spurlin stayed with his family and his wife, who is improving.

Miss Nellie Faye Smith, of Washington, D. C., arrived last week for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Smith, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Griggs were visitors to Enterprise and Chancellor during the week end.

John Revel Crook, student in the V-12 Class at Howard College, Birmingham, was the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Crook, during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maddox, of Panama City, Fla., visited Elba relatives during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Veal and children visited Mrs. F. E. Pierce, Mrs. C. S. Wambles and children, Betty Jean and Patsy; Mrs. Ross Ammons.

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Classified Advertising

If you want to buy, sell, swap, rent or locate lost property, try an adv. in this column.

WANT TO BUY: One Singer sewing machine, regardless of condition; see Mrs. Vivian Cresswell at Talley's Cafe, Elba.

LOST COW: Jersey colored cow with mark in right ear; one horn slipped; when last seen was wearing bell. Notify Riley Spurlin, Route 1, Elba.

FOR SALE: 1934 Model Pontiac Eight Sedan; paint good, 7 good tires and tubes, good battery. See car at Laystock Market next Monday or at my house, W. E. Wambles, Elba Rt. 5, near Joe Moore.

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PIANO RECITAL AT ZION CHAPEL SCHOOL

Mrs. H. L. Tillman, music teacher at Zion Chapel school, will present her pupils in piano recital (a one-act play) at the community building auditorium on Friday night, April 13. The public is invited, no charge for admission.

EGG BOILING

A large crowd attended the egg boiling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hussey on Saturday night, March 24, given in honor of Mrs. T. M. Stroud and family.

Elba friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. T. M. Stroud and family. Mrs. Stroud was taken ill while on a visit to her home in New Brockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin McWaters announce the birth of a son on March 27, who has been named Jerry.

Mrs. C. O. Hutchison, of St. Petersburg, Fla., is spending three weeks with her husband and other relatives in New Brockton.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Cooper and children, who have been in Panama City for some time, returned to Elba the first of the week. Friends are glad to have them back home.

Miss Rosie Paul Rainer, student at the P. A. Auburn, spent the week end in Elba with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Rainer.

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